Transparency 143 Causes of New Imperialism

Economic Causes

- Need for natural resources
- Desire to expand markets
- Desire to invest profits
- Outlet needed for growing populations
- Economies strengthened by Industrial Revolution

• Bases needed for merchant and naval vessels

Political and Military Causes

- Nationalism
- National security
- Prestige of global empire
- Strong, centrally governed nation-states

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Social Causes

- Desire to spread Christianity
- Desire to share Western civilization
- Belief in European racial superiority
- Belief in Social Darwinism

Technological Causes

- Advances in communication
- Medical knowledge
- Advances in weaponry
- Advances in overseas travel